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About Indian Economy Growth Rate & Statistics

India's economic journey in recent years has been marked by consistent growth and an enhanced position on the global stage. The country has steadily climbed in global rankings, reflecting the strength of its domestic demand and the impact of structural policy reforms. With a nominal GDP in the trillions, India has emerged as a key destination for global capital and investment flows. Projections suggest India is on track to achieve the milestone of a US\$ 5 trillion economy in the near future, with potential to further climb in global economic rankings. This trajectory is supported by rising employment opportunities, increasing private consumption, and improving consumer sentiment, all of which are expected to sustain growth momentum. On the external front, India's current account position has shown improvement, aided by stronger receipts from services and remittances. Together, these factors reinforce India's role as a resilient and rapidly growing economy.

<https://www.ibef.org/economy/indian-economy-overview>

Top Story 2

Indian corporates have low direct exposure to US tariffs: Fitch

Fitch Ratings has noted that corporates in India have limited direct exposure to recently announced tariffs. However, sectors that are currently unaffected could come under pressure if further tariff measures are introduced. The imposition of higher duties places India at a disadvantage compared to other Asian economies, with the risk of second-order effects increasing. Fitch highlights that while some industries currently face minimal direct impact, a prolonged period of elevated tariffs could affect profitability and competitiveness. The agency also pointed out that sustained high tariffs, particularly if they remain higher than those imposed on other Asian peers, could pose moderate downside risks to India's economic growth outlook. Although growth is projected to remain strong, these pressures could weigh on the operating performance of more companies over time. A potential trade agreement would help mitigate these risks and provide relief to affected sectors in the longer run.

https://m.economictimes.com/news/company/corporate-trends/indian-corporates-have-low-direct-exposure-to-us-tariffs-fitch/amp_articleshow/123383891.cms

Economy

Explained: Government's GST revamp and how it will make goods cheaper in India?

India introduced the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to unify the economy under the principle of “one nation, one tax, one market.” This reform replaced multiple indirect taxes with a single framework, creating four main tax slabs of 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%. Additionally, some luxury and high-value goods were subjected to extra levies. While the move was hailed as a landmark tax reform, the system soon drew criticism for its complexity. Everyday items often fell under confusing categories, leading to disputes and compliance challenges. For instance, similar products sometimes attracted different tax rates based on minor variations in preparation or packaging. Recognizing these issues, the government is working on a major revamp of the GST structure. The reform aims to reduce consumption levies on essential goods and simplify classifications, making the system more transparent, predictable, and business-friendly, while also helping reduce the overall tax burden on consumers.

https://m.economictimes.com/news/economy/policy/explained-governments-gst-revamp-and-how-it-will-make-goods-cheaper-in-india/amp_articleshow/123380585.cms

Market

India To Clock 6.7% Growth Outpacing RBI Monetary Policy Committee's 6.5% Recent Forecast

India is projected to record a growth rate of 6.7% in the first quarter of the current fiscal, surpassing the earlier forecast of 6.5%. The gross value added (GVA) is estimated at 6.4%, supported by improved monetary conditions, upcoming GST rationalisation, and stronger consumption sentiments ahead of the festive season. Growth is further aided by a sharp increase in indirect taxes and reduced subsidy outflow. Economic expansion has been driven by robust government spending, early exports to select markets, and rising consumption signals. Services GVA is expected to climb to 8.3%, reflecting higher momentum compared to the previous quarter. State and central governments recorded double-digit growth in non-interest revenue expenditure, boosting overall activity. Rural confidence has also strengthened due to favourable farm output, positive seasonal prospects, and easing inflation. These combined factors are expected to sustain India's pace of economic expansion at 6.7% in the opening quarter of the fiscal.

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/business/india-to-clock-67-growth-outpacing-rbi-monetary-policy-committees-65-recent-forecast>

Investment

India is on a high growth trajectory due to infra investments

India is currently on a strong growth trajectory, largely driven by extensive investments in the infrastructure sector over the past few years. Major projects worth several lakh crores have been approved, reflecting the government's focus on long-term capital expenditure. This strategy has helped the economy withstand the challenges posed by the pandemic, even as many other global economies continue to face difficulties. Unlike the widespread adoption of consumption-based recovery models globally, India pursued an infrastructure-led growth model. This approach has not only supported resilience during uncertain times but also strengthened the foundation for future development goals. A notable outcome of this strategy has been the recent upgrade in India's sovereign ratings after nearly two decades, showcasing the agility and credibility of the economy. The consistent emphasis on infrastructure is proving to be a key driver for sustaining growth momentum and positioning India for stronger economic prospects ahead.

<https://www.fortuneindia.com/economy/india-is-on-a-high-growth-trajectory-due-to-infra-investments-ashwini-vaishnaw/125817>

Taxation

GST - India's Biggest Taxation Reform

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is regarded as India's most significant indirect tax reform, aimed at creating a unified taxation system and simplifying compliance. Despite political debates around its origin, the true impact lies in its implementation rather than in claims of ownership. For years, discussions around tax restructuring remained theoretical, but it was only through decisive action that GST became a reality. The reform replaced multiple indirect taxes with a single, streamlined structure, reducing complexities and promoting efficiency. Recently, the government announced plans for a simplified two-slab GST system, promising to make daily-use goods more affordable and further ease compliance. This move is positioned as part of broader economic reforms and has the potential to strengthen consumer confidence while ensuring steady revenue flow. Ultimately, GST stands as a milestone reform that continues to shape India's economic framework, supporting growth and long-term stability.

<https://www.news18.com/opinion/opinion-gst-indias-biggest-taxation-reform-ws-dl-9512072.html>

Currency	18-Aug-2025 Rate	19-Aug-2025 Rate	Change	Currency	18-Aug-2025 Rate	19-Aug-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹87.35	₹86.96	-₹0.39 ReutersPound Sterling Live	NIFTY 50	24,876.95	24,980.65	+103.70 pts (≈+0.42%) MoneycontrolThe Times of India
EURINR	₹101.86	₹101.62	-₹0.24 Exchange RatesWise	BSE Sensex	—	81,644.39	+370.64 pts (≈+0.46%) MarketWatchMoneycontrol
GBPINR	Data not available	—	—	—	—	—	—
JPYINR	Data not available	—	—	—	—	—	—

